

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-12, 14-15, 23, 24, 26-28, and 30-43 are pending. Claims 1, 23, 41, and 43 are in independent form.

In the action mailed August 15, 2008, claims 1-6, 14, 15, 23, 24, 30-41, and 43 were allowed. Applicant acknowledges the recognition of allowable subject matter with appreciation.

Claim 42 was objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) as being improperly dependent on a canceled claim. Applicant apologizes for the error. Claim 42 has been amended to depend from claim 41 and is believed to be allowable on the same basis as claim 41.

Claims 7, 25, and their dependencies were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. As shown above, claims 7 and 25 have been deleted. Claims 8 and 26 have been amended to delete reference to a bellows.

Accordingly, claims 1-6, 8-12, 14-15, 23, 24, 26-28, and 30-43 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. No fees are believed due at this time. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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